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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the documents listed is also enclosed.

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The foregoing documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of a European Search Report dated September 1, 2004 is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an

independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

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